

The danger of media consolidation is definitively shown by Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to show an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election. Sinclair does not pay for its use of the public airways and is obligated by law to serve the public interest, but when mega corporations gain control, we, the public, get what they want to give, what fits their agenda and fills their pockets and the public suffers by receiving less of what we need for our democracy. Rather than seeing news unrelated to us or their soap box issues, it's imperative that we see real people from our own communities and news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.